

Ministers Request Referendum on Liquor Traffic in County

Thirteen members of the county ministerial association appeared before county commissioners in regular session yesterday morning and requested that the board call for a liquor referendum in the county.

The board told the ministers that it felt such a request should come from a larger representative group of the county, suggesting that in compliance with state law, a petition be obtained requesting such an election. This petition would have to carry the signatures of 734 who were eligible voters at the time of the last general election for governor. The 734 is 15 per cent of the number which cast ballots in this county in the election which put Governor Cherry in office, according to county officials.

Rev. Cuthrell Speaks. Spokesman for the group, the Rev. Harold G. Cuthrell, pastor of Marshallberg Methodist church told the commissioners, "As ministers, we are against those evils which desecrate human personality... those evils stemming from organized liquor traffic."

In calling for an election to let the people decide whether ABC stores should be retained, he said the ministers recognized the income the towns and county receive from liquor sales but "revenue should not be placed above right consciousness."

Although the ministers made no attempt as to their future action in regard to the issue they left the impression that they would obtain a petition calling for the election. In reply to the clergy, Commissioner Wallace G. Styrren, Sealvel, pointed out that prohibition was a "miserable failure," and queried, "Is there any guarantee that outlawing legal liquor traffic will prevent drinking?"

He further commented that out-lawing liquor takes it out of legal control and puts it in the hands of bootleggers. Sheriff Gehrman Holland who was at the meeting remarked that piccolo joints are a worse evil than ABC stores and pointed out that since prohibition was lifted bootlegging decreased 75 per cent.

When the Rev. C. M. Mitchell, of Atlantic, reported that boys tell him they have to drink to be socially accepted, the sheriff countered with, "Don't you think that's merely an excuse?"

The Rev. W. D. Caviness, pastor of Franklin Memorial Methodist church, Morehead City, remarked that existence of an evil is no reason to accept it.

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board, commented that the only thing that need be done to make people do something is to tell them they can't do it.

After the ministers left, he pointed out that taxes would have to be increased approximately one third to make up the revenue received from sale of whisky.

Board members made it clear to the clergymen that they personally were not in favor of drinking.

Sales, Typewriters to Be Sold Friday by WAA. Offered exclusively to World War II veterans at a set-aside sale to be held by War Assets Administration at the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base, Maxton, on June 11 will be three safes, 30 typewriters, two desks, a dental chair and dental lamp.

Open to priority and commercial buyers, in sequence, will be an offering of gas masks and carriers, foot lockers, portable field lighting sets, photographic equipment, medical equipment, wood beds, folding hospital cots, surface tape, mattress covers, feather pillows and miscellaneous.

The property is located at the air base and may be inspected through June 10, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Catalogs are available at WAA Customer Service centers and at the sale location.

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Garment Company Today Observes 12th Anniversary

Portrait of J. W. Jackson to Be Unveiled, Dr. B. F. Royal to Speak

At a half hour ceremony this afternoon at 3:30 the 12th anniversary of the Morehead City Garment company will be observed with the unveiling of an oil portrait of the company's founder, J. W. Jackson.

The ceremony will take place at the company plant on Bridges street and the main address will be delivered by Dr. B. F. Royal, a close friend of Mr. Jackson.

Following his address the picture will be unveiled by Mrs. J. W. Jackson, president of the company, who succeeded her husband as president after his death.

Mrs. Jackson will present the portrait to the company and accepting it on behalf of the employees will be Mrs. Bertha Smith, Mayor George Dill will introduce Dr. Royal. The Rev. J. V. Axtell, pastor of Webb Memorial Presbyterian church, will pronounce the benediction.

Prominent businessmen of Morehead City, friends of Mr. Jackson, will attend the ceremony. Among them will be I. E. Pittman, Sr.; Adler, and R. H. Dowdy. Julius Peters, New York City, vice president of the Garment company, and Philip Newman, Philadelphia, attorney and personal friend of Mr. Jackson, will also be present.

Sparks M. Hopper, a Marine stationed at Cherry Point, was found guilty yesterday in Morehead City police court of negligence in making a left turn with his car, causing an accident. Plaintiff was the Seashore Taxi co. Driver of the taxi involved in the mishap was Roy Heiden Piner.

Hopper's car was going east on Bridges Street when, in trying to make the turn, he ran head-on into the taxi.

Judgement was postponed until a woman passenger who was hurt in the accident is released from the hospital. Mayor George W. Dill also added that any monetary settlement would be out of the jurisdiction of the court and would have to be settled in civil court.

Samuel R. Bailey, Jr., paid \$10 for damage to city property. Bailey knocked over a parking meter post with his automobile.

Herman Harvey and Benson Sanders shared \$5 in court expenses in a case in which Sanders charged Harvey with drunkenness and destruction of property. The case was dismissed because of lack of evidence.

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Newport Considers Installing New Street-Lighting System

Potato Blight Hits Coast Area

Cool, Wet Weather Starts Spread of 'Late Blight Disease'

The late blight disease of Irish potatoes has become established in much of the early potato area of eastern North Carolina. Dr. Lowell W. Nielson, potato disease specialist for the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment station, said Saturday.

The disease was first reported from a Pamlico county farm on May 16, says Dr. Nielson. It has since been reported from most of the coastal growing counties north of New Bern. The past week to 10 days of cool, wet weather has especially favored its development and spread.

"When late blight gets as far along as it is now, there's not much the farmer can do to keep his crop growing," Dr. Nielson explains. "His best bet is to dig and market his potatoes in such a way as to reduce the tuber infection."

Kill Vines. The pathologist explains that there are two ways to dig potatoes so as to keep the tubers disease free. One method is to use a chemical or a flame thrower to kill the vines and then dig the potatoes from seven to 10 days later.

Some of the chemical vine killers which Dr. Nielson suggests are: Dow spray 68, Aero-defoliant (calcium cyanamide), and Sinox.

"These materials are available as dusts, and directions for applying are on the package," he points out. "For best results, they should be applied to foliage wet with dew when day temperatures are above 70 degrees F. Rains within a few hours after the dust is applied will wash off the vine killers and greatly reduce their effectiveness."

Growers who are not equipped to dust or kill the vines and those who would rather not use vine-killers, can reduce infection through careful digging. Digging should begin only after 10 o'clock in the morning on a sunny day when the vines have had time to dry off. The newly-dug potatoes should be allowed to dry off before they are picked.

Danger of Sun Scald. "If the weather should turn hot, growers will have the added worry of leaving newly-dug potatoes exposed to the sun too long," Dr. Nielson continues. "There's a real See BLIGHT Pg. 5"

Time Marches On From the Palace to the City of Today

Production Credit Group Meets at Atlantic Beach

Approximately 300 delegates are expected at the annual convention of the North Carolina Production Credit Association which opened at Atlantic Beach yesterday. This is the second major convention to select Atlantic Beach as their annual meeting site during the past week.

On Friday, more than 100 representatives of the Association of Magazine Wholesalers will begin a two-day session. Arrangements for this meeting were made by Joseph Zaytoun of New Bern, whose magazine territory covers the central North Carolina coast.

Each of the conventions will have their headquarters at the new Ocean King Hotel, with general meetings in the Surf Club.

Inspection Lane Locates On 8th Street, Morehead

The state motor vehicle inspection lane in Morehead City is located on 8th street between Evans and Shepard street in front of the city hall.

This was the only north-south location available. On east-west streets, mechanics point out, the sun affects the headlight-testing equipment.

The lane opened yesterday at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and will remain open until 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Prospects look brighter for a better street-lighting system at Newport.

George Stovall, local Tide Water Power company manager, who attended the Newport town commissioners' meeting Friday night suggested that the town make a survey of its needs as to street lights and with this information a contract would be drawn. Tide Water will, free of charge, install and maintain the system. Mr. Stovall said.

Clarence Millis, street commissioner, was appointed head of a committee to study the street light situation.

Under the type of contract which Newport is considering, each 1000 lumen lamp (equal to about 1500 watts) would cost \$1.75 per month to operate, each 800 lumen lamp would cost \$1.50 a month of \$18 per year. Commissioners expressed the opinion that 1000 lumen lamps would not be required at all points in the town and suggested the use of 800 lumen lights.

The lights would go on 30 minutes before sunset and go off 30 minutes before sunrise. Total cost of operation per year for twenty 800 lumen lamps would be \$360 or approximately \$30 per month.

Eighteen lamps are located in the town now and two more have been requested, believed necessary. See NEWPORT Pg. 5

Five Receive Diplomas Sunday At Ocracoke

Five boys and girls were graduated from Ocracoke high school Sunday night and received their diplomas from N. Shelton, superintendent of Hyde county schools. The baccalaureate service and commencement exercise was held in Ocracoke Methodist church. The Rev. Charles J. Tilley, pastor, delivered the sermon, "Beyond School Halls, Education Plus."

After the sermon, three seniors spoke. Larry Williams delivered the valedictory address, Virginia Howard spoke on "Leaders Must Lead," and Patsy Gaskin's talk was entitled "My Will is a Wish."

Graduates are Larry Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dina Williams, Virginia Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Howard, Patsy Gaskin, daughter of John Gaskin, Dora Jane Gaskin and Earl Hill Gaskin, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gaskin. All graduates participated in the commencement exercises.

Education Board Slashes Budget

Sanitation Projects, Fund For Atlantic School Cut; Calendar Approved

The board of education yesterday afternoon trimmed its budget to the tune of about \$20,000 to comply with the county appropriation of \$68,000. This figure is \$22,000 less than the figure requested, \$90,000.

The \$20,000 was lopped off in sanitation projects for White Oak and Harkers Island schools. The project at White Oak was estimated in the budget at \$5,500 and the project at Harkers Island, \$9,768.37. The remainder was cut from the \$15,000 set-aside for construction of the Atlantic school. Ten thousand dollars will be set aside in the 1948-49 fiscal year. This is the same amount as was set aside last year.

The calendar for next year was approved. School will open Sept. 1. Christmas vacation will begin Dec. 21 and end Jan. 3. Friday of Thanksgiving weekend and Monday of Easter weekend will be optional. If these two days are holidays, school will end May 26. If they are not, schools will close May 24.

Reduction in the number of teachers allotted in district 8, Davis and Marshallberg, has made it necessary to do away with one-room schools there. Fifteen children attended the school at Davis and 18 attended the school at Marshallberg.

The state requires an average daily attendance of 33 pupils for each teacher. Davis and Marshallberg pupils will now attend school at Smyrna.

The board has not yet decided on the disposition of the school buildings at Davis and Marshallberg. It is believed they will be sold.

Plans to move the Cedar Island school building, which would cost \$1,500, have been changed. Repairs, however, will be made.

A new roof will be put on the Harkers Island school at a cost of \$2,100, and also to the White Oak school which last winter was damaged by fire. Cost of repairing this roof is estimated at \$1,825.

Board members considered a letter from Harkers Island residents requesting a new school, but declared they were in no position to take action on the request.

H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools, reported that truancy problems at Smyrna school are expected to be under control when school opens again.

The board approved the appointment of Miss Lucille Rice and Miss Theresa Hill as secretaries in the superintendent's office.

16 Cases Comprise Criminal Docket For Superior Court Opening Today

Sixteen cases comprise the criminal docket for this term of superior court which opens at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the court house, Beaufort. Judge Henry L. Stevens will preside.

The judge was recently elected president of the alumni association of the University of North Carolina and was installed as that officer there yesterday, scheduled date for opening court.

Nine cases comprise the civil docket. These will be heard the second week of court, beginning June 14. Ten divorce cases are also scheduled to come before Judge Stevens.

Ten of the 16 criminal cases listed will go before the grand jury. The others have been continued from previous terms of court or are appeals from recorder's court.

Scheduled for grand jury action are the following: State vs. Roy Beaufort Litton, charge — driving drunk; State vs. Robert Willis, charge—assault with intent to commit rape.

State vs. L. J. Hill, charge—driving drunk, State vs. Claud Wallace, charge—larceny of motor bike valued at \$400; State vs. Roy T. Guthrie, charge—driving drunk.

State vs. James Gaskin and George Howland, charge—stealing and carrying 1,450 pounds of lead and selling same; State vs. Sam Howland, charge — stealing and carrying away 1,200 pounds lead, State vs. K. P. B. Bonner, charge—larceny of a car, reckless driving, and carrying a concealed weapon, State vs. Harry Dearman, charge—driving drunk.

These cases will be tried through Thursday, June 10.

Civil cases are docketed as follows: Monday, June 14—Davis vs. Redfern, Lyntt vs. Brooks, West v. West, June 16—Guthrie vs. Russell, Taylor and Willis vs. Willis.

Thursday, June 17—Howe vs. Wallace et al, Howe vs. Southern Felt company, Howe vs. Madix Asphalt Roofing corporation.

Motions filed are the following: Roper Lumber company vs. Truitt and Hyatt, Simmons vs. Garner, re: Serena Dawn Lawrence, Huntley vs. Weeks, and Taylor and Willis vs. Willis.

Divorce cases will come up Friday, June 11.

Laborers Stop At Morehead City

A group of Negro migrant laborers attracted attention in Morehead City yesterday by stopping at the empty lot on the corner of Evans and 8th street for several hours.

The group consists of 45 people of all ages who travel from town to town with their belongings into three medium-sized trucks. These trucks serve as their home.

The head of the group is C. D. Daniels, who will be "58 on my next birthday." Daniels explained that his group travels through towns in order to look for work. The Negroes earn their living by gathering potatoes, lettuce, beans, and other crops.

The group started out from Pompano, Fla., May 2 and stopped at Hogue where they found employment. They finished their work there Friday and then came to Morehead City.

Daniels stated, "If we can't find work here, we will leave this evening and head north, probably to New Jersey."

The Negro leader also explained See LABORERS Pg. 5

Chamber Of Commerce President Announces Committee Members

Dr. John W. Morris, president of Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, has announced names of committee members who will serve for the 1948-49 fiscal year.

They are as follows: industrial development committee, George R. Wallace, chairman, George Dill, I. E. Pittman, Judge Luther Hamilton, M. T. Mills.

Housing committee, George Ball, chairman, John L. Crump, George Stovall; publicity committee, D. G. Bell, chairman, Bud Dixon, Tony Seamon, and Lockwood Phillips.

Governmental affairs committee, George McNeill, chairman, public safety committee, Clyde Jones, chairman, Hubert Fulcher, Dave Styrren.

Radio committee, Grover Menden, chairman, Walter Morris, Bill

Phone Company Promises Better Service Here

A committee from Morehead City recently went to Tarboro to confer with officials of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company regarding improved phone service in this area, to the airport west of Morehead City and to the racetrack.

R. H. Dowdy, Clyde Jones, Robert P. Burroughs, and Robert Lowe, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, met with L. W. Hill, president of the telephone company, H. Dail Holderness, vice-president, and J. F. Havens, commercial manager.

At present there are no facilities to phone the Morehead City airport or the newly-constructed dog track. Installation of these lines has been promised.

Mr. Lowe reports that the telephone company has detailed plans for future development and expansion here for one, three, five, 10 and 20-year periods.

Commissioners Adopt Budget

The board of commissioners yesterday decided that no increase in allotments to county departments could be made in this year's budget.

Clerk of the board, Irvin Davis, was instructed to inform department heads that they would have to redesign their 1948-49 budget to fit in with the same amount of money they were allotted last year.

General operating expenses of the county were set for 1947-48 at \$89,355, health department appropriation \$12,882, welfare department \$26,287, schools \$68,000, and debt service fund \$150,500, totaling \$347,024. The tax levy is expected to bring in \$225,000.

The budget cannot be increased Dr. Bonner said, because there will be no source for increased revenue to the county this year. Tax rate was set at \$1.80 per \$100 valuation.

Three road problems were presented to the board. The commissioners were requested to ask the highway commission to pave the road on Inlet island, located between Beaufort and Morehead City and the clerk was requested to write Highway Commissioner John Clerk to visit Marshallberg and survey the road leading from the schoolhouse to the waterfront.

At present, three property owners are objecting to the road being improved, Delmas Lewis, Marshallberg, told the commissioners Capt. John Nelson, state commercial fisheries commissioner, appeared before the board and requested their approval on extending Evans street, Morehead City, beyond 34th to Morehead City Technical Institute and the University of the Sea. Commercial fisheries offices are located there also.

William J. Jones, Newport, offered \$100 for two acres of property in Newport township between the Mill Creek road and the rail-

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Flowers. The membership committee is divided into two committees, prospect and project. On the prospect committee are A. B. Cooper, chairman, I. E. Pittman, L. D. Gore, H. P. Scripture, C. N. Bennett, W. C. Matthews, and W. C. Carlton.

Members of the project committee are George Ball, chairman, Jack Roberts, Warren Back, Skinner Chalk, Jr., Sam Adler, and D. G. Bell.

Mr. McNeill is also national councilman.

Meeting Postponed. The meeting of the Beaufort Book club scheduled for this Thursday evening has been postponed until further notice.

Lady, Can You Spare A Room June 15-16-17?

Requests for reservations for the State Association of County Commissioners June 15, 16, and 17 at Atlantic Beach far exceed the space available. Robert Lowe, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce reported today.

Dr. Harold Humm Heads Laboratory

Dr. Harold Humm, assistant director of Duke Marine Laboratory, Piver's Island, has accepted the appointment as director and succeeds Dr. A. S. Pearce, founder of the laboratory who has now retired.

Dr. Humm, one of the foremost authorities in the country on the



Dr. Harold Humm

utilization of seaweeds, came to Piver's Island in June 1942 as resident investigator. In 1944 he was appointed assistant director.

A graduate of the University of Miami, class of '34, Dr. Humm obtained his master's degree at Duke university, majoring in bacteriology, and his doctorate in botany at Duke, specializing in marine bacteriology.

During the war Dr. Humm made a survey for the War Production board, studying seaweeds along the Atlantic coast from which agar could be produced in commercial quantities. As director of the lab, he will also supervise summer sessions there.

He married the former Olga Minor, of Miami, Fla. They have two children, Sandra, 6, and Roddy, 3.

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Tide Table

Table with columns for HIGH, Tuesday, June 8, and LOW. Times listed for 8:40 A.M., 9:01 P.M., 9:30 A.M., 9:51 P.M., 10:22 A.M., 10:42 P.M., 11:15 A.M., 11:37 P.M.

County Churches Conduct Vacation Bible Schools

Davis Free Will Baptist church started the ball rolling in Carteret county on vacation Bible school classes last Tuesday and will wind up the sessions on Friday.

But most churches will start their pre-summer vacation Bible schools on Monday, June 14, and run them the customary two weeks. Hours for most of the schools are from 9:30 a. m. to noon.

Those starting classes next Monday are Ann Street Methodist and Beaufort Baptist in Beaufort; First Methodist in Morehead City; Atlantic Methodist, Atlantic; Oak Grove Methodist, Oak Grove; Stacy Free Will Baptist, Stacy; Camp Glenn Methodist church, Camp Glenn.